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In re Appln. of: Kurt R. Nielsen et al.

Appln. No.: 10/791,631

Filed: March 1, 2004

For: Sodium Bicarbonate Production from
Nahcolite

Attorney Docket No: 12493/14

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.114.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

Previously submitted:
 Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.
 Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 Other: _____

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Attached is/are:
 An Information Disclosure Statement
 An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
 New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability
 Other: Form PTO-1449

Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby requests suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i)).

 Small Entity Status:

- Applicant(s) hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.
- Is no longer desired.

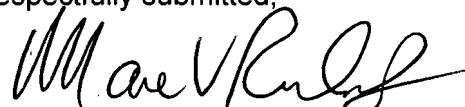
 Applicant(s) calculates the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

- A Request fee of \$810 under 37 CFR §1.17(e).
- A suspension processing fee of \$130 under 37 CFR §1.17(i).
- An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 CFR §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).
- An extension fee of \$_____ under 37 CFR §1.17(a) for a _____-month extension of time. A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

 Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

- A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$940. A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.
- A payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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October 31, 2007

Date